

To: Federal Communications Commission

RE: Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 12-228

I concur with Chairman Genachowski regarding his statement that the goalposts are indeed moving. Broadband is a critical component of our democracy, our economy and our emerging way of life.

I welcome the FCC to intervene more fully in the telecommunications industry. I believe that broadband prices need to drop in order to encourage greater adoption. Likewise, the resistance of major telecommunications carriers to becoming 'dump pipes' which only supply service is distasteful.

They are rapidly becoming indispensable utilities which are seen as a necessity. Regular and economical access to such utilities are essential to a healthy populace.

With the marginal reservation and qualification that I'd like to see the FCC ensure service, not censor.

Sincerely,
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